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**Listing of Claims**

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Claims 15 – 19 Withdrawn.

Claim 21 (**Currently Amended**). An apparatus for generating electricity and sustainable CO<sub>2</sub>  
free production of hydrogen and carbon via continuous thermocatalytic decomposition of  
hydrocarbons over carbon-based catalyst in air and/or water-free environment, employing  
continuous reactivation of the catalyst, comprising the combination of:

- (a) a thermocatalytic reactor with a moving bed of carbon particulates;
  - (b) means for purging the moving bed of carbon particulates of moisture and air;
  - (b)-(c) means for recovering hydrogen-containing gas from said the reactor;
  - (d) means for separating the hydrogen-containing gas of step (c) into a first portion of pure  
hydrogen and a second portion of hydrogen-depleted gas;
  - (e) (c) means for recycling at least a portion of hydrogen-depleted gas to said the reactor to  
sustain high catalytic activity of the carbon catalyst in-situ;
  - (d) (f) means for recovering disintegration of carbon particles after said from the reactor;
- and
- (g) means for disintegration of carbon particles of step (f);
  - (e) (h) means for heating of carbon particles to provide externally activated catalyst that is  
recycled to the reactor;
  - (f) (i) means for recovering pure hydrogen from said the stream; and

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(e) (i) means for transporting said ~~the~~ pure hydrogen into anode of a fuel cell, whereby electricity is generated.

**Claim 22 (Currently Amended).** The apparatus of claim 21, where the thermocatalytic reactor with a moving bed of carbon particulates ~~reactor~~ is a fluidized bed reactor.

**Claim 23 (Original).** The apparatus of claim 21, where the carbon particulate is carbon black.

**Claim 24 (Currently Amended).** The apparatus of claim 15, where the means ~~of~~ for recovering pure hydrogen is a membrane gas separation unit.

**Claim 25 (Currently Amended).** The apparatus of claim 21, where the means ~~of~~ for disintegration is a grinder.

**Claim 26 (Currently Amended).** The apparatus of claim 21, where the ~~means of transporting~~ fuel cell for and generating electricity is a polymer electrolyte membrane fuel cell.